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1. The Chinese Communist decision to participate in the Korean war was made by the Chinese Communist Central Politburo. At the conference which reached the decision, the move was sponsored by LIU Shao-ch'i and LI Li-san.
2. Since the Chinese Communist entry into the Korean war, all Manchuria is considered a war zone. Preparations have been made against American air attacks.
3. A Sino-Soviet agreement reached at a conference in Peiping in mid-October includes Chinese permission for Soviet use of Whampo, Chefoo, Mawei (119-26, 25-59), Tsingtao and Chinshanwei (121-19, 30-44) harbors, all of which are to be considered restricted areas.
4. In view of defeats in North Korea and of possible needs in a third world war, the Cominform (sic)* has decided to help the Chinese Communists build up their armed forces to the fullest extent.

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Comment. The precise significance of "Cominform" as used here is not clear.

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